



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill #	SB0224	Title:	Create a commission to study criminal justice system
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Primary Sponsor:	Wolken, Cynthia	Status:	As Amended in House Committee
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$13,938	\$9,292	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$13,938)</u>	<u>(\$9,292)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 224, as amended, establishes a commission on sentencing to study sentencing practices and policies. This bill attaches the commission to the Legislative Services Division for administrative purposes. It is estimated that the total general fund cost of this commission would be \$23,230 for the 2017 biennium.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Legislative Branch

- Section 1 of SB 224, as amended, provides that the commission on sentencing would consist of 13 members (four legislative members, six members who are employees of the state or a political subdivision, and three members of the public).
- For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the four legislative members would receive compensation and expenses pursuant to 5-2-302, MCA. It is also assumed that the six members who are public employees would not receive compensation or travel expenses, and that the three public members would receive compensation pursuant to 2-15-124, MCA, as well as travel expenses pursuant to 2-18-501 through 2-18-503, MCA.
- It is estimated that, in order to accomplish the requirements of SB 224, as amended, the commission would need to hold two one-day meetings and four two-day meetings, and it is assumed that all meetings will be

held in Helena. The total estimated general fund cost of compensation and expenses for commission members is \$12,138 in FY 2016 and \$8,092 in FY 2017.

4. In addition to the costs of compensation and expenses for commission members, it is assumed that \$3,000 would be needed to contract for secretarial support for the 2017 biennium.
5. SB 224, as amended, is one of several bills seeking to add to the duties of interim and administrative committees. The fiscal note for each bill is prepared based on the effect of the individual bill. However, when viewed as a package, the cumulative effect of passage of more than one bill will require additional analysis and may require additional resources.

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$3,055	\$2,036	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	<u>\$10,883</u>	<u>\$7,256</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$13,938</u>	<u>\$9,292</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$13,938</u>	<u>\$9,292</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$13,938</u>	<u>\$9,292</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$13,938)	(\$9,292)	\$0	\$0

Technical Notes:

1. SB 224, as amended, does not specify if, and in what manner, commission members would be compensated. For the purposes of this fiscal note, as stated above, it is assumed that legislative members would be paid pursuant to 5-2-302, MCA, and that public members would be compensated pursuant to 2-15-124.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date